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SUBJECT CIA Document on Russia and Israel

JACK ANDERSON: Will Moscow switch sides in the Middle East?

I will tell you tomorrow's headlines today right after this message.

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Soviet weapons have been blamed for Arab losses in the Middle East but the Kremlin says its weapons worked fine. It is the Arabs who used them who are to blame.

I predict that the Russian leaders will become disenchanted with their Arab allies and eventually will switch sides.

Let me quote from a top secret and extremely substantive CIA document: a growing number of Soviet officials in Moscow favor relations with Israel, arguing that the absence of Soviet/Israeli diplomatic ties favor Washington's Middle East diplomacy.

So I predict Russia will reinstate diplomatic ties with Israel.

My sources say Israel will welcome Soviet relations